

Executive summary

Each year, the Oregon Health Authority's Center for Health Statistics publishes the Oregon Vital Statistics Annual Report, an analytical look at the health of Oregon as measured by the health of its citizens. By this means, policymakers and health professionals have a source of important knowledge that can be used to form the basis for action and benchmarks for assessing progress. Volume 1 of the report includes data on live births, induced terminations and teen pregnancy. In addition, Volume 1 contains counts of marriages, divorces, Oregon registered domestic partnerships and dissolutions of domestic partnership.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS, VOLUME 1		
Vital statistic	2015	2014
Population	4,013,845	3,962,710
Live births (residents)		
Number	45,656	45,557
Crude birth rate	11.4	11.5
Fertility rate	58.0	58.6
Low birthweight infants (residents)		
Number	2,931	2,847
Rate	64.2	62.5
Births to unmarried mothers (residents)		
Number	16,380	16,349
Ratio	359.6	359.6
Induced abortions (occurrences)		
Number	8,610	8,231
Ratio to live births	186.8	178.5
Unions and dissolutions (occurrences)*		
Marriages	27,794	27,735
Divorces	13,831	13,489
Domestic partnerships	103	189
Dissolutions of domestic partnership	88	137
<p>Crude birth rates are per 1,000 population; fertility rates are per 1,000 15-44 year old females; unmarried mother ratio and low birthweight rate are per 1,000 live resident births; induced abortion ratio is per 1,000 live occurrence births. Rates and ratios exclude missing and unknown values.</p> <p>*Same-sex marriage became legal in Oregon on May 19, 2014.</p>		